

mixtures, said stirring mechanisms extending down through the openings in the upper plate and into respective wells, and

seals for sealing against leakage through said upper plate
15 openings when the upper plate is secured to the reactor block,

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20 each stirring mechanism comprising a drive mounted on said upper plate and a multi-piece spindle rotatable by said drive, said multi-piece spindle having a metal upper spindle portion, a plastic stirrer, and a coupling for releasably coupling the plastic stirrer to the metal upper spindle portion in a position wherein the stirrer extends down into a respective well, said plastic stirrer being removable from said coupling after a mixing operation to permit replacement of the stirrer.
